



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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SEMA's Homepage: sema.dps.mo.gov

Missouri Homeland Security Grant Information 4/15/04

All grant information and equipment lists are online at the SEMA homepage: sema.dps.mo.gov click on the Homeland Security Grant link.

City & County Homeland Security Grant: This is a reimbursable grant to enhance or supplement a local community's ability to prevent, deter, respond to and recover from threats and incidents of terrorism. Eligible: All non-UASI counties and non-USAI cities over 3,000. (**Note:** USAI cities make funding requests to their urban area). The grant can be used for Homeland Security and Emergency Operations planning; the purchase of specialized equipment (see approved list on the SEMA website) to enhance capability; for costs related to CBRNE & Cyber Security training programs and attendance at ODP sponsored CBRNE training; for costs related to the design, development, conduct and evaluation of CBRNE and Cyber Security exercises; and for costs associated with completing and implementing the State Homeland Security Assessment. Grant application deadline is 4/30. SEMA POC is Debbie Rathert at 573-526-9224. *Grants will be awarded September 1 pending ODP approval.

Citizens' Council Grant: All Missouri communities are eligible to apply. The grant may be used for equipment, planning, training and exercises to provide basic CBRNE response capabilities. Grant application deadline is 4/23. SEMA POC is Meg McLaughlin at 573-526-9256. Grants will be awarded May 7.

Law Enforcement Terrorism Protection Program (LETPP): All Missouri law enforcement activities are eligible. There are two components to the grant: a statewide purchase of equipment by SEMA and a competitive grant program. Grant application deadline is April 30. SEMA POC is Ricky Presberry at 573-526-9223. * Grants will be awarded September 1 pending ODP approval.

Urban Areas Strategic Initiative (UASI): **Kansas City** (KCMO, and Missouri Counties of Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platted and Ray, and the Kansas Counties of Johnson, Leavenworth and Wyandotte. **St. Louis** (City of St. Louis and the Missouri Counties of St. Louis, Jefferson, Franklin, and St. Charles and the Illinois Counties of Madison, Monroe and St. Clair). The grant is for equipment, management & administration, planning, training, exercises and operations activities. SEMA POC is Dee Solindas at 573-526-9148.

Homeland Security Response Teams (HSRT) and Forward Regional Response Teams (FRRT): the grant is for sustaining the teams. Grant application deadline is April 30. SEMA POC is Tom Mohr at 573-526-9245. Grants will be awarded September 12 * pending ODP approval.

CERT: SEMA POC is Alysia Beaudoin at 573-526-9250.

EMS Grants: Eligibility and use of funds to be determined.

School Districts: Eligibility and use of funds to be determined.

Water Districts: Eligibility and use of funds to be determined.

FY'03 Interoperable Communications Equipment: Funding for interoperable communications equipment in three categories: 1) interoperable communications equipment, 2) Computer-aided dispatch systems,

911 systems and enhanced 911 systems, and 3) Commercially available crisis management software. Grant application deadline is May 15. SEMA POC is Ricky Presberry at 573-526-9223. *Grants will be awarded July 1.

Citizen Corps funding Grant Deadline Extended to April 23

The grant application for Citizen Corps funding for 2004 has been extended to April 23. Any community interested in forming a citizen council should mail their application to: Meg McLaughlin, Citizens Corps Coordinator, State Emergency Management Agency, P. O. Box 116, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0116.

August '03 Power Outage Report Issued

The Final Report of the August 2003 Power Outage (Blackout) Task Force has been publicly released and is available for download at www.energy.gov. The Report can be downloaded: <https://reports.energy.gov>.

FEMA Announces Fire Prevention & Safety Grants

FEMA announced the first round of grant awards for the Fire Prevention & Safety Program, a non-competitive portion of the Assistance to Firefighters program. Missouri fire departments receiving grants were: St. Louis City FD (\$39,055), Shady Valley FPD (Imperial) (\$67,1490).

Heat & Lightning Awareness Campaign Set for June

The National Lightning Awareness Week and the Missouri Summer Weather Safety Week, is scheduled for June 20 - 26. This is a joint public awareness campaign with the NWS, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (Heat) and SEMA. Information will be emailed in early June.

ODP Offers Free Domestic Preparedness / Exercise Training

The office of Domestic Preparedness has hired many contractors to provide free training on a variety of WMD, Decon, Chemical Detection, Radiation, Equipment Training and Preparedness issues, as well as exercise assistance. The training is free. All requesting agencies need to provide is a room for training and refreshments. Comments or questions concerning the catalog or the Domestic Preparedness Equipment Technical Assistance Program should be addressed to: DPETAP Project Manager developed jointly by Pine Bluff Arsenal and GP in support of DHS/ODP. GP/PBA, PO Box 20308, Pine Bluff, AR 71612 or gwendt@genphysics.com

Missouri's Homeland Security Grant Letters Posted to SEMA Homepage

In an effort to keep emergency managers abreast grant information, the letters for Homeland Security grants for Interoperable Communications, Law Enforcement (Police & Sheriff), Fire, Presiding Commissioners & Mayors have been posted to our homepage - sema.dps.mo.gov under the heading homeland security grants.

Weather Transmitter Dedication Set for May 7, Cassville

The 32nd Weather Transmitter in Missouri will be dedicated on Friday, May 7 at 10:30 p.m., Barry Electric Cooperative in Cassville. The transmitter is made possible by a partnership with the Missouri Association of Electric Cooperatives, Barry Electric Cooperative, and KAMO Power in Vinita OK, SEMA, FEMA and the NWS.

Missouri Department of Conservation Tree Resource Improvement & Maintenance Program Deadline Nears

The Missouri Department of Conservation's Tree Resource Improvement & Maintenance (TRIM) program will be awarding over \$270,000 to Missouri schools, communities and non-profit organizations for tree care activities. The maximum grant is for \$10,000; the minimum grant is \$1,000. Applicants must meet with a DOC forester and obtain a signature before May 15. Applications must be submitted before June 1 to Community Forestry Coordinator, Forestry Division, Missouri Department of Conservation, P. O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180.

Eligible activities include but are not limited to community tree planning projects, tree ordinance projects, tree care training for city crews and volunteers, arborist consultation fees, arborist certification fees for city employees, tree pruning or removal, tree planting, and other projects. For more information or to obtain an application contact: Forestry Field Program Supervisor Justine Gartner at (573) 522-4115 ext. 3116 or email Justine.Gartner@mdc.mo.gov.

Tornado Anniversary Revitalization Celebrations!

Many communities devastated by last year's May tornado systems will be celebrating the one-year anniversary the first week of May. Some of the activities include: Battlefield will hold a groundbreaking for their new City Hall/Police Station. Carl Junction may have a prayer breakfast and community barbecue on May 4th. In Lawrence County, the Liberty Methodist Church is hosting a community dinner on May 2nd. In Christian County, a dinner will be held for the victims and their families at the Cleaver school. Stockton and Pierce City are doing a series of business dedication activities on Saturday May 1st. Governor Bob Holden will be in Pierce City for bandstand dedication at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 1st. In Jackson, a community observance will be conducted on May 6th.

NWS Implementing New NOAA Weather Radio Warning Event Codes on June 30, 2004

Beginning June 30, 2004, NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) Specific Area Message Encoding/Emergency Alert System (SAME/EAS) event warning codes will be available nationally for a variety of non-weather events. The new codes will allow NWR users to program desired alert messages on subjects ranging from child abduction emergencies, local area emergencies, fire warnings, and hazardous material warnings, to radiological or nuclear power plant warnings, shelter-in-place warnings, or volcano warnings.

NWR is the primary means for NWS alerts to activate the Emergency Alert System. EAS event codes are equivalent to SAME codes used by SAME-capable NWR receivers to allow listeners to program desired alert messages. Local or state civil authorities prepare the non-weather related EAS messages, which may be relayed by the NWS over NOAA Weather Radio and the EAS at the request of the message issuer. The NWS does not initiate non-weather related EAS messages.

A complete list of the current and new EAS/SAME codes to be implemented on June 30, 2004, is available online at http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/eas_codes.htm. Additional information on the emergency alert system is available online at http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/nws_eas.htm and <http://www.fcc.gov/eb/eas/>.